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World Bank Assistance for Watershed Management
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has signed any agreement with World Bank to improve watershed management in rural rainfed areas;
(b) if so, the details thereof;
(c) the total outlay of the project, share of World Bank and the time frame to achieve the targets;
(d) whether the project will also support the watershed management in rural areas of Maharashtra; and
(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT
(SHRI RAM KRIPAL YADAV)

(a) to (c) : The Government have entered into an agreement with the World Bank to implement 'Neeranchal' National Watershed Project for providing technical assistance to the Watershed Development Component (WDC) of the Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (PMKSY). The project is to be implemented at the Central level in the Department of Land Resources and in 9 States namely Andhra Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Gujarat, Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Odisha, Rajasthan and Telangana. The total outlay of the project is Rs. 2142 crore (USD 357 million @ Rs.60/- per USD), of which 50% amount is to be provided as long term loan by the World Bank. The project is to be implemented during 2016-17 to 2021-22.

(d) & (e) : The project is to be implemented in Maharashtra at the State level and in two districts namely Ahmednagar and Amravati. The technical inputs provided under the project are envisaged to have a positive impact on all watershed development projects under implementation in the State of Maharashtra.
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